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**In re Application of: GEERT MAERTENS
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REQUEST FOR REFUND OF HALF THE FILING FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Applicants hereby request a refund in the amount of \$2,331.00, this sum being half of the Large Entity filing fee. At the time the referenced application was filed on April 21, 1997, the undersigned attorney authorized Small Entity filing fees in the amount of \$2,371.00 to be charged to Arnold, White & Durkee's Deposit Account No. 01-2508/INNS004/KAM. However, total fees in the amount of \$4,702.00 were charged to the account on May 13, 1997. As a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.9(f) and

1.27(c) was submitted concurrent to filing on April 21, 1997, Applicants were improperly charged excess filing fees of \$2,331.00.

Enclosed in support of this request are a copy of the fee calculation sheet, a copy of the Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status, and a copy of the Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 which confirms the Patent Office's receipt of the Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status.

Please credit the refund in the amount of \$2,331.00 to the Arnold, White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/INNS:004/KAM.

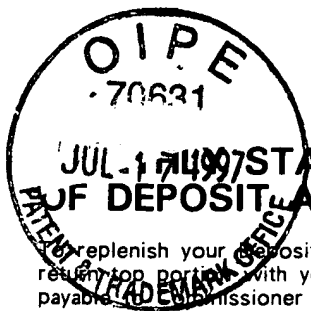
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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

21 APR 1997
35 U.S.C. 102(e) DATE21 APR 1997
DATE OF RECEIPT OF
35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

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A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371(C) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. ☐ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on _____ and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.☒ Copy of the international application in:☐ a non-English language.☒ English.☐ Translation of the international application into English.☒ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.☒ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.The Article 19 amendments ☐ have ☐ have not been entered.☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.☒ Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.The Annexes ☐ have ☐ have not been entered.☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed 21 APR 1997 and _____☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed _____ and _____☒ Assignment document.☒ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.☐ Substitute specification filed _____☒ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.☒ Priority Document.☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.☐ Other: _____Status Inquiry
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applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP95/04155		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER INNS:004/KAM	
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17. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):

Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$ 910.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) \$ 700.00

No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (cu CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) \$ 770.00

Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$1040.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) \$ 96.00

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$ 910.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). **\$ 0.00**

Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate
Total Claims	106 - 20 =	86	x \$ 22.00
Independent Claims	23 - 3 =	20	x \$ 80.00
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$260.00

TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$4,662.00

Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (NOTE: 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) **\$2,331.00**

SUBTOTAL = \$2,331.00

Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). **\$ 0.00**

TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$2,331.00

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property) **\$ 40.00**

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$2,371.00

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a. ☒ A check in the amount of ~~\$2,411.00~~ cover the above fees is enclosed.

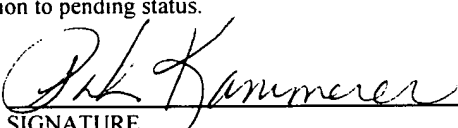
b. ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-1508 in the amount of ~~\$2,331.00~~ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. INNS:004/KAM. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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